

SACRED TO THE MEMORY.

Memorial Tablet to the Late Canon Faunce.

On Sunday morning an impressive ceremony was performed at St. Clement's Church of England by His Lordship Bishop Barlow, of Goulburn. It was the unveiling of the memorial tablet erected by the parishioners and friends to the memory of the late Canon Faunce, who died in July last, and who labored in the parish for 25 years. It was a fitting tribute to the memory of one who was so universally respected and loved by not only the members of his own congregation, but by the people of all other denominations with whom he came in contact, and all like to remember him as a true Christian gentleman, charitable, upright, and honorable. As such will the late Canon Faunce always be remembered by the people of Yass, and the congregation he ministered to, for there has probably never been a clergyman in this town who commanded the same respect and was so honored as was the late Rector of St. Clement's.

There was a large congregation on Sunday morning, and the opening service was conducted by the Rev. F. Biddulph Clive. The unveiling of the tablet took place after the service. The tablet, which was constructed and erected by Mr. Scot Dickson, is neatly carried out in white marble, with black lettering, and bears the following inscription:—

" SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
CANON ALURED DODSWORTH
FAUNCE.

WHO FOR 25 YEARS WAS RECTOR
OF THIS PARISH.
DIED 14th JULY, 1910,
AGED 71 YEARS.

THIS TABLET WAS ERECTED BY HIS
PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS."

A large wreath of pure white roses encircled the tablet, which is erected on the left side of the church over the pulpit, the pulpit where Canon Faunce preached many an eloquent sermon to his congregation. In years to come when the people of Canon Faunce's flock have joined their dear old Rector in the Promised Land from whence no traveller returns, the children of to-day will still keep the memory of the Canon green:

and the children of to-day will still keep the memory of the Canon green: they will remember that he was a great and a good man, and they will honor his memory accordingly.

After unveiling the tablet on Sunday, His Lordship Bishop Barlow referred to the memory of Canon Faunce in touching and eloquent words:—"I feel glad to have been asked to perform the unveiling ceremony," said His Lordship, "of the tablet erected to dear old Canon Faunce. I have been asked to say that the widow and children of our old Rector although not able to be present, appreciated greatly all that had been done by the congregation in keeping green the memory of their pastor. We all honor his memory: the memory of a man who labored amongst us for so many years, a sincere and ardent Rector. Even the little children of the Sunday School have not forgotten him; for they have brought an offering of flowers. Often I went with Canon Faunce to the homes of the poor. How they loved and honored "Mr. Faunce," as they used to call him. It would be fitting if their old friend was present in spirit that morning. He would see that the people he loved had not forgotten him."